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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Navy Clandestine Maritime Collection

1. You will recall that I informed you that [redacted] was negotiating with the Navy with regard to Admiral Rectanus' proposal, endorsed by DIA, that the Navy take over management of all CIA clandestine maritime collection operations. We are, though, being pressed by [redacted] office for a response.

2. There seems little point in making an interim reply since we have canvassed the area divisions for their reaction to this proposal and the sentiment, supported by cogent argument and historical fact, is overwhelmingly opposed. The DDI and DDS&T are also opposed.

3. I, therefore, recommend that you forward the attached memorandum to [redacted]

[redacted]  
Deputy Director for Operations

cc: DDCI

AC/OPS: [redacted] ntl (18 Jun 74)

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